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1. [ ] [ ] OER, briefed Michael McLeod, Henry Casso, and Carl Rose on the staff of the Senate Agriculture Committee, on the Soviet grain situation. I advised them that the briefing should be treated as classified but should they need to use any of our discussion they could check with OLC. Two pertinent questions from them were whether the Agency got together with the Department of Agriculture on our grain estimates and the validity of the 200 million ton Soviet grain requirement. [ ] fielded these questions very adroitly. The staff members were quite pleased and said they looked forward to further discussions in the future.

2. [ ] Called Susan Holloway, Legislative Secretary to Senator Walter Mondale (D., Minn.), and explained that I didn't know what she wanted us to do with the constituent inquiry she had sent us since Senator Mondale was a member of the Senate Select Committee. She thought we should be answering the part on the National Park Service. I explained that this should be forwarded to the Department of the Interior. She said to simply send the material back to her attention.

3. [ ] Met with Al Tarabochia, Chief, Investigator on the staff of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Internal Security, and returned to him the study "Estudio Sobre Las Relaciones Entre El Partido Socialista Puertorriqueno Y El Movimiento Obrero" which related Communist influences in Puerto Rico. I explained that our people saw no significant foreign intelligence interest to warrant the Subcommittee's publication of the study in Spanish. I suggested that he should contact the FBI since it appeared to be more a matter of internal security.

Tarabochia said that the article by Jack Anderson in the 10 August issue of the Washington Post reporting Cuban Communist influences in Portugal was based on unclassified information which Tarabochia had given to Les Whitten, Anderson's reporter. The information came mostly from unclassified reports by the Coast Guard provided to the Committee. Tarabochia wanted to make it clear that he does not have a close relationship with Whitten, however, he felt that the story should be told and knew that Whitten would want to publish it.

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